

BROILER PRODUCTION

ranked eighth among states published individually in number of broilers produced in 2010. In 2010, total value of production at \$691 million. Maryland growers raised 300.5 million broiler chickens in 2010, an increase of three percent from a year earlier. The average weight per broiler was 4.8 pounds, unchanged from 2009. In 2010, a total of 351 million broiler-type chicks were hatched in commercial hatcheries, a decrease of eight percent from 2009.

EGG PRODUCTION

increased in 2010 to 616 million eggs, up from 554 million in 2009.

The average number of layers during 2010 was 2.271 million, up slightly from 2.163 million layers in 2009.